

Call to Artists

Tempe Public Library Renovation

Design Team Opportunity

The Tempe Public Library is one of the most active public libraries in the valley, providing educational, cultural and entertainment services to a demographically-diverse population. The library, opened in its current facility in 1989, is showing signs of 20 years of intense usage. The patina of age, demands of current library technology and service expectations of contemporary library users require the library to take a fresh look at how to both physically and programmatically reinvent in the future of library services in Tempe.

Project Mission Statement

To create an amazing library “experience” Tempe will:

- provide a comfortable yet stimulating environment that encourages users to explore and linger,
- make the library welcoming for all through the creation of specialized environments for children, teenagers and adult users,
- seamlessly integrate technology resources with current and traditional forms of paper and electronic media,
- promote self-service by making collection areas easy to use and navigate,
- provide personalized staff assistance throughout the library and
- increase programming space, creating versatile multi-use areas.

Other Goals

The Tempe Public Library embraces its physical proximity to other cultural facilities and seeks to expand upon opportunities to support each other’s unique missions by providing improved programming and physical linkages.

The city is seeking to include a design team artist who will assist the project design team in concept development and art integration that will enhance the overall library experience and reinforce the mission of the library renovation project.

Eligibility

Visual artists and artist teams are eligible to apply for this public art opportunity.

Budget

The artist’s design team fee for this project will not exceed \$20,000. The fee for this project is all-inclusive of costs such as artist’s design fee, travel, attendance and presentations at several city meetings and other related costs. The artist shall collaborate with the design team to develop the project concepts and plans.

Artist design team fees are funded and supported by the city of Tempe Municipal Arts Commission.

Total public art budget for this project is \$100,000 (inclusive of the design team fee).

Selection process and criteria

The Panel will review artists' submissions representing previous work as well as resumes and letters of interest to select semifinalists. Selected artists may be interviewed by the panel. The art selection panel will view artists' past qualifications and review according to the following criteria:

- Design team experience
- Quality of past work as evidenced by images

Information from references will be used to add to the criteria in the selection and decision-making process.

Selection panel

The artist selection panel may consist of members of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission, visual artists, Tempe residents, project design team members and associated city staff.

Deadline

Materials must be received by 5 p.m. on Dec. 19, 2008. This date is not a postmarked deadline. No late applications will be accepted or deadline extensions given.

Submission materials

Please submit the following for consideration. There is not an application form.

- **Letter of interest:** Submit a one page letter, describing why you are interested in this project. Specific proposals are not requested at this time.
- **Digital Images:** Up to 10 digital images of applicable work (jpeg format, 300dpi, and sized at least 4-inches x 5-inches). Please clearly label the CD with your name.
- **Image list:** A descriptive listing of the enclosed images. Information should include title, date of completion, material(s), size and the project budget.
- **Resume:** A current resume of no more than three pages. Please include your address and daytime telephone number.
- **Self-addressed, stamped envelope (SASE):** Please enclose an adequately sized SASE for return of your digital images. Written material will not be returned.

Please do not utilize folders, staples or bind materials submitted for application. Oversized documents will not be accepted. Please submit all written materials single-sided on white 8½ x 11-inch paper so that materials may be photocopied clearly.

Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted and will be returned. Deadline extensions will not be given.

Materials should be mailed or delivered to:

**City of Tempe
Public Art Program
Attn: Library Renovation
3340 S. Rural Road
Tempe, AZ 85282**

Cultural Services hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except city-recognized holidays.

Public Art in Tempe

The public art program was established in 1988 and commissions a mixture of quality temporary and permanent projects that are most often integrated with the infrastructure of the facility or building. For information about Tempe's public art program, please visit www.tempe.gov/arts and click on public art.

Information

Please contact Elizabeth Lagman, Public Art Specialist, elizabeth_lagman@tempe.gov, 480-350-5163.

This Call to Artist does not commit the city to enter into an agreement, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of the submission to this request or in subsequent negotiations or to produce a contract for the project. The city reserves the right to reject any or all applications, reissue the Call to Artist, revise the project terms or procure any service by other means. While all reasonable care will be taken, the city is not responsible for loss of or damage to materials included with applications. No agreement pursuant to this Call to Artists shall be finalized until and is subject to review of the city risk management division and formal approval by the City Council.